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a. The following questions and answers are hereby incorporated into the subject solicitation.

QUESTION: "No Metric threads are allowed" meaning: only for Valve "No Metric threads are allowed", or for Valve and Actuator "No Metric threads are allowed"?

ANS: Metric threads are not allowed on the valve. Metric threads are not allowed on the actuator.

QUESTION: Am I correct to consider to offer:

5) 12" 300# SST Cryogenic "LH Service" Cleaning per 2X

Note: Cannot offer or need further details for the referenced "Vacuum Jacket" requirement- Please advise

7) 10" 600# SST Cryogenic "LOX Service" Cleaning per 1XX

5) 10" 600# SST Cryogenic "IPA Service" Cleaning per 2X

Offer would be for the supply of factory tested Valve/Actuator assemblies.

Also, since we "only" manufacture a Metal Seated Triple-offset valve would we be in a favorable position to bid this requirement?

Our valves would generally be 30% more that a "Soft-seated" valve and more expensive to automate due to the higher torque requirements.

Are there many qualified "Soft-seated" valve pursuing this bid?

ANS: The IPA valves are not cryogenic; IPA will be at ambient temperature.

We understand that metal seated valves are more expensive than soft seated valves, however we are looking for the valve that gives the best value. Therefore all valves will be considered based on their individual merits and not solely based on their cost.

Regarding the jacket requirements for the 12" LH: The description in the specification of the vacuum jacket requirements gives dimensions of OD, ID, and thickness. It also details the spacing of the bolt holes, the diameter of the bolts, and the finish of the flange surface.

We can't comment about another vendor's interest or qualifications.

QUESTION: The specification calls for "pneumatic double acting spring assist". This works for position seated resilient seat valves but with a torque seated metal seat valve this is not an appropriate design. The actuator sizing for spring to close must satisfy the valve torque plus safety factor. The actuator sizing for double acting must satisfy the valve torque plus safety factor. These two together (additive) will exceed the valve torque capability and potentially cause failure. If we limit the pneumatic pressure to not cause failure then it will not close the valve properly with air only. Therefore we feel this combination of actuator package with the torque seated valve would not function per NASA design.

Would a quotation consisting of spring return only actuators in lieu of double acting with spring return be acceptable?

ANS: Actuators for metal seated butterfly valves that use a single acting, spring return design will be accepted. Spring shall be capable of closing valve under full differential pressure. Fail position of valve shall still meet specific data sheet call out. Variable orifice metering valve on the actuator exhaust port is still required per the specification.

- b. The date for receipt of proposals remains the same at May 16, 2008, 3:00 PM Local Time.
- c. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.